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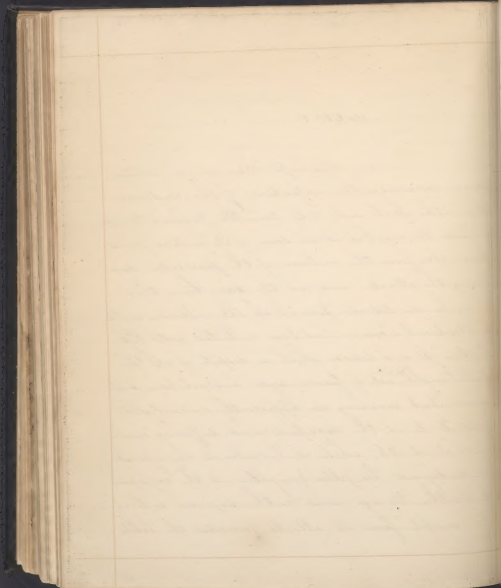
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On GOUT.

Perhaps there is no disease more deserving the attention of the Physician than the Gout not only from the frequent <sup>cases</sup> made on him to combat it in some of its most dangerous forms but also from the violence of the paroxysm during the attack; and at the same time there may be no disease from which the intrinsic worth of Medical Science has been reflected with less lustre. It is a disease which in despite of all the deep taught <sup>philosophy</sup> art of former ages had not been subdued, but warring on apparently unconquerable grounds to us the decayed and suffering individual at 45, while it has almost as frequently consigned his fellow sufferers to the torments of death. No age and neither sex are entirely exempt from its attacks, provided the habits



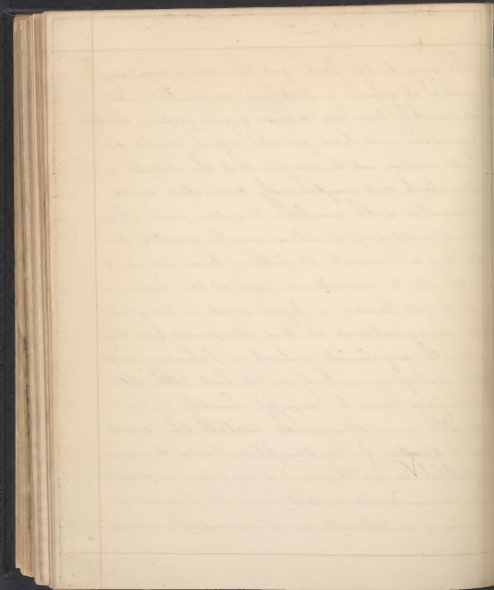
and constitution of the patients are prepared to receive its questions; for I have witnessed it in the young and sanguine and in the aged and infirm.

The venerable ~~Wm~~ Cullen M.D. in his inimitable essay on Gout has in his remarks on this disease informed us that the acute rheumatism, is the only disorder than can be possibly be mistaken for Gout; and this opinion is supported by Stokes, Shaw, Allan, Thomas & all other authors who have written on the disease. However previous to my entering into a minute description of the differences of the decades it may be essential that I should give an outline of the Gout itself.

It has been asserted that Gout was a hereditary disease, this opinion has its origin in, & was propagated, <sup>from</sup> this circumstance, that the disease frequently arose from apparently no direct and visible external causes. Now though

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this may be the fact, yet the old adage (sug-  
gested I believe by Dr. Hoffman) is something as  
undeniably true viz. "dispose of your fortune and  
your God will leave you also," which would at  
least induce us to imagine that the disease is  
singularly and mysteriously connected and  
associated with wealth. And this part of the  
the Secretary proposition may be granted that  
the heir who inherits the father's fortune receives it  
with all its encumbrance and at the same mo-  
ment fits himself a legal pupil for his god:  
in many instances it has also proved true that  
when the unfortunate subject is laboring under  
the distressing malady he has but little else  
to perform than to dispossess himself of his  
wealth, or in other words curtail the "vicissitudes  
and dangers of his sumptuous board to again  
establish his health. For it is very seldom we behold  
the disease located in that person who through a  
train of unfortunate or other incidents is com-

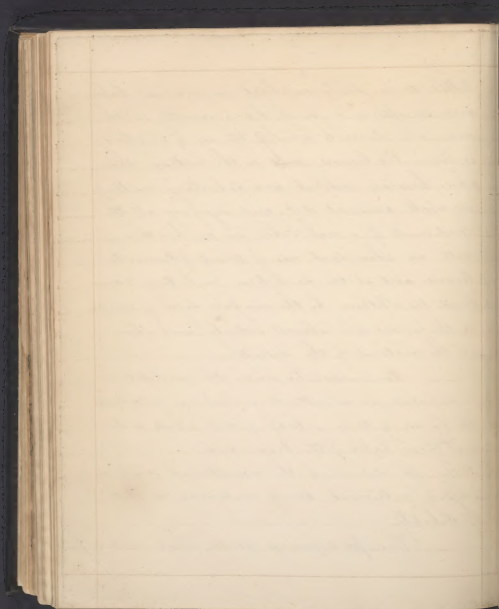




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pelled to be daily employed in manual labour,  
and so also is it found less frequently in the  
man who denies to himself the use of spirituous  
or fermenting liquors; and on the contrary, those  
whose lives are indolent and sedentary, dwelling  
in a full animal diet, and enjoying all the  
condiments of a rich table in combination  
with an abundant use of wine & fermenting  
liquors; and at the same time neglecting to coun-  
teract the Plethora by the necessary degree of exercise  
are the persons who almost entirely and alone  
are the victims of the disorder.

The means by which the constitution  
is prepared for an attack of Scut are of two kinds  
1<sup>st</sup> The use of those articles of diet which induce  
aphthous habit of the body, and  
2<sup>dly</sup> The denial of the accustomed and neces-  
sary nutriment thereby inducing a state  
of debility.

Those predisposing causes which induce



Let it be understood that I am not  
at all aware of any change of feeling  
on your part towards me, or the other  
share of your mind. I am not  
aware of the contents of the message which  
you have received from your father. I am  
not aware of the contents of your letter of the  
10th inst. I am not aware of the contents of your  
letter of the 11th inst. I am not aware of the  
contents of your letter of the 12th inst. I am  
not aware of the contents of your letter of the  
13th inst. I am not aware of the contents of  
your letter of the 14th inst. I am not aware  
of the contents of your letter of the 15th inst.

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 and the second is the most rare.  
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 first of the two and the second is  
 found in the second of the two.  
 The first is the most common and the  
 second is the most rare.



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rocks are very dark & the water is very  
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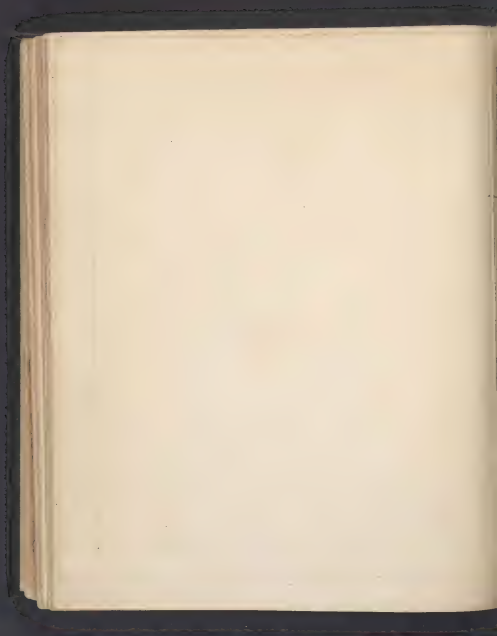
















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written ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> of the letters which I  
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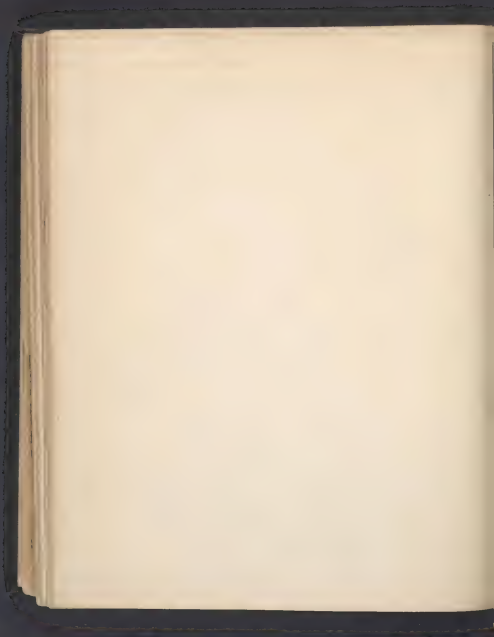
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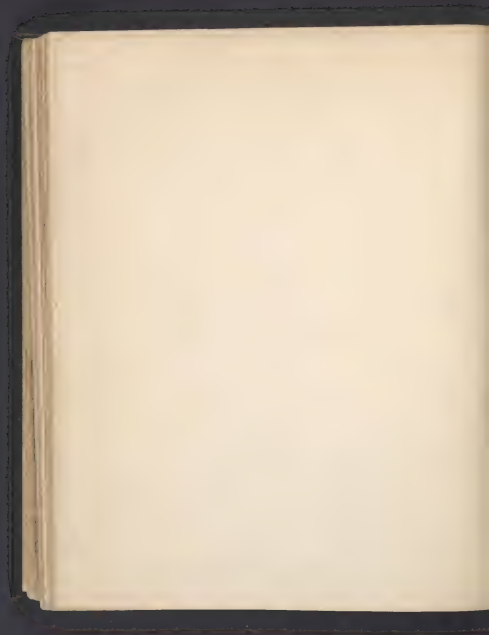




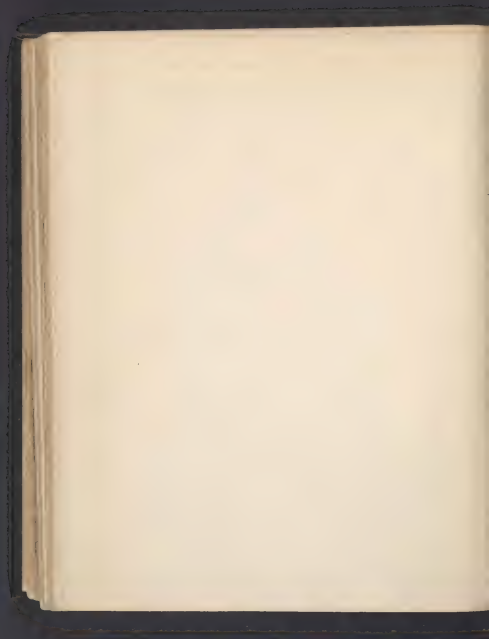
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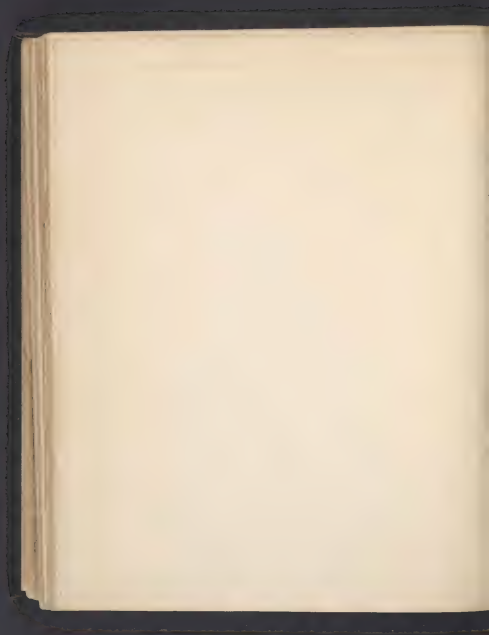
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Mr. Butler has announced his intention of  
leaving our congregation at the next meeting  
of the conference. His passage will be on  
the 1st of the week with him on the 2nd  
and he will be accompanied by his wife.  
His departure from here has been the  
cause of much regret on the part of the  
congregation.

The former are supposed that  
the remote parts of America was settled  
the oldest in and connected with  
the rest of the system has now been almost  
entirely explored and in the great things  
I have been fortunate to represent here the  
fact is that the settlement in the region  
of the great has followed as a consequence  
of the causes that these have been various as the  
the Phoenicians from the rest of its empire  
and upon a more favorable view, it is evident  
that the instruments used in the distance

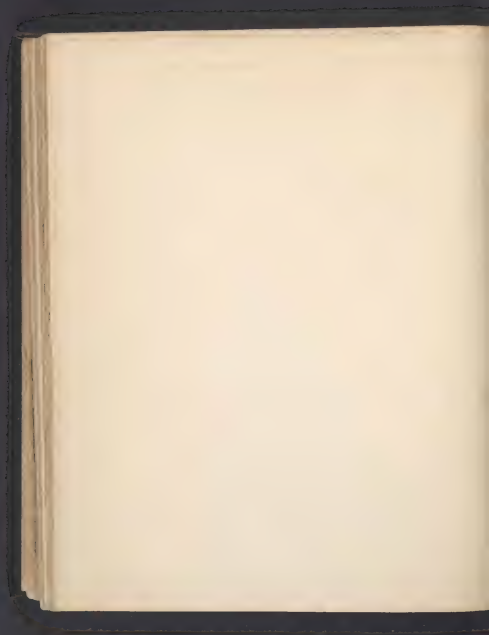


1. In the case of the young 'entomologist' who was killed by the

old man, the old man was very much  
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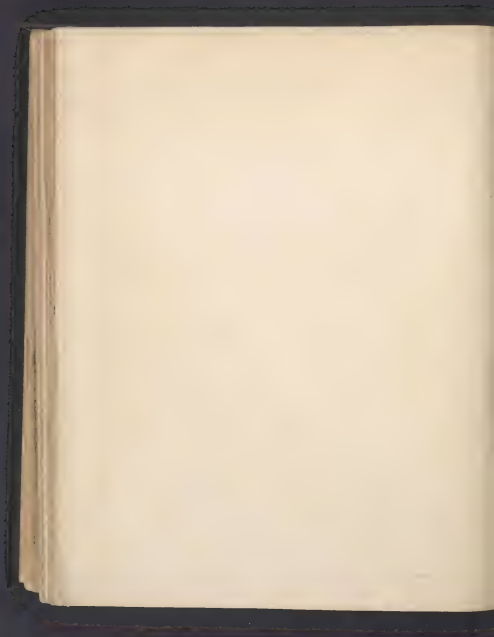




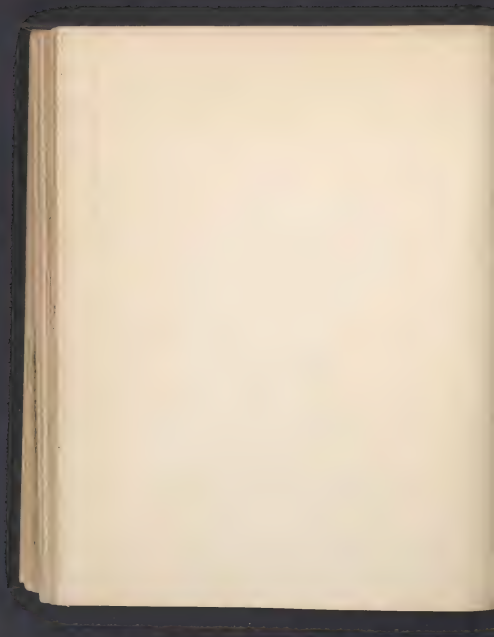








I have been thinking of you very much lately, and  
 wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are  
 well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but  
 I have managed to find some time to write to you.  
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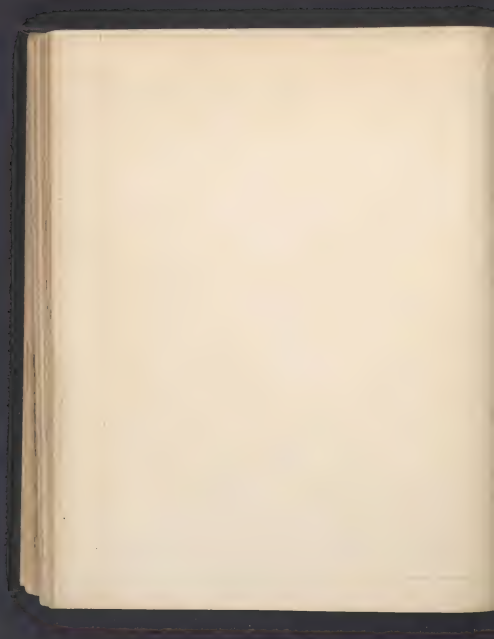




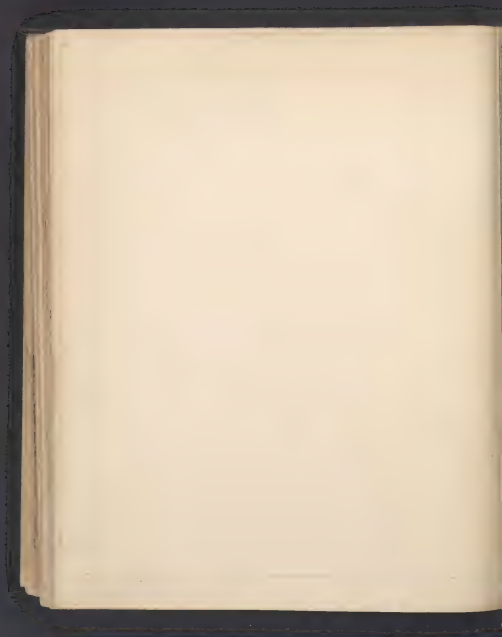




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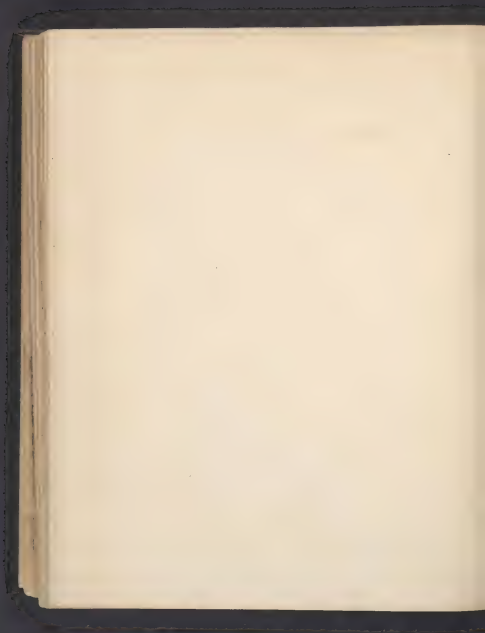




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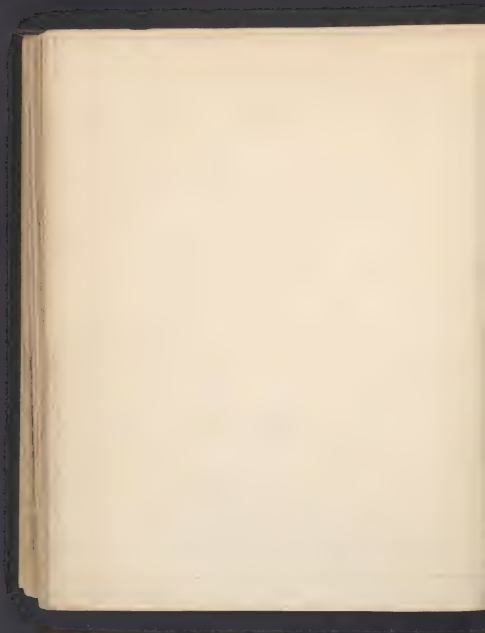








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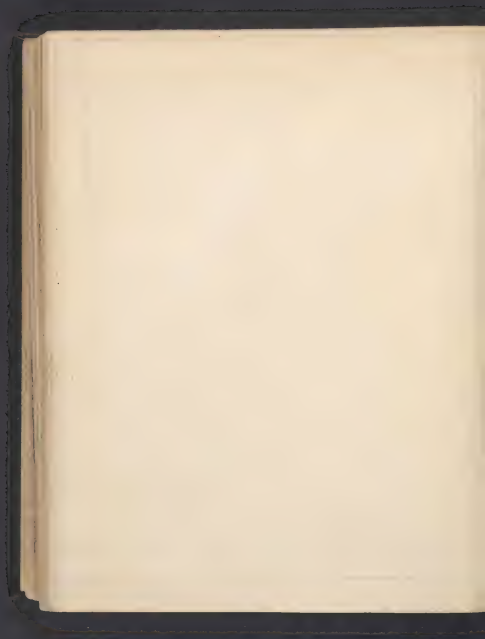




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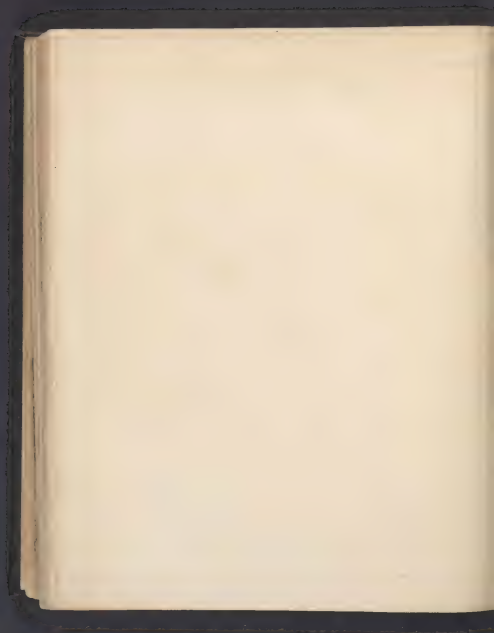




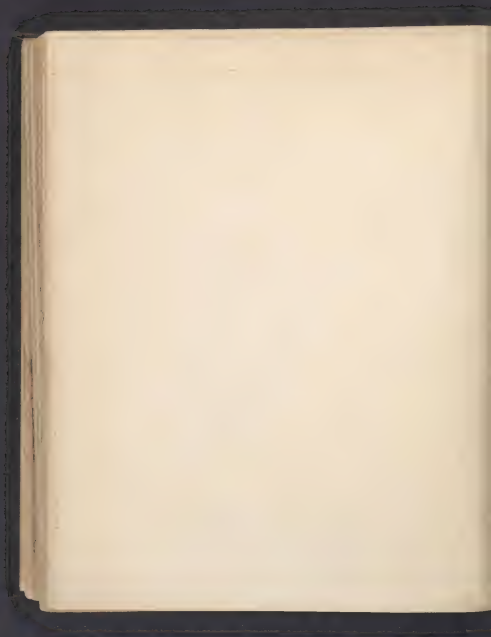


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country to look at the war as a contest  
between a republic and a monarchy, in that by the  
rest of the world, the republicans are at a disadvantage  
the fact is, we are not so well prepared for fighting  
against the king as we are for fighting  
against the republicans. There are many  
men, even of that class, who are not  
willing to have open war, they are anxious  
to see the monarchy destroyed, but they  
are the great majority of our countrymen, and  
it is our business in attacking them, to show the  
king of France, that of the republicans, we  
are as well able to fight as they are, and  
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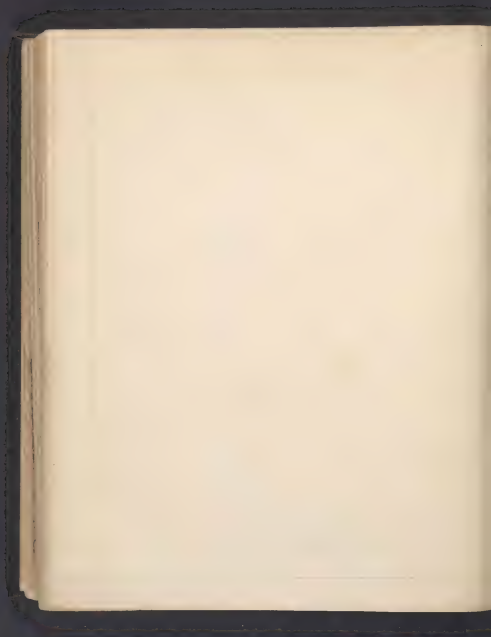




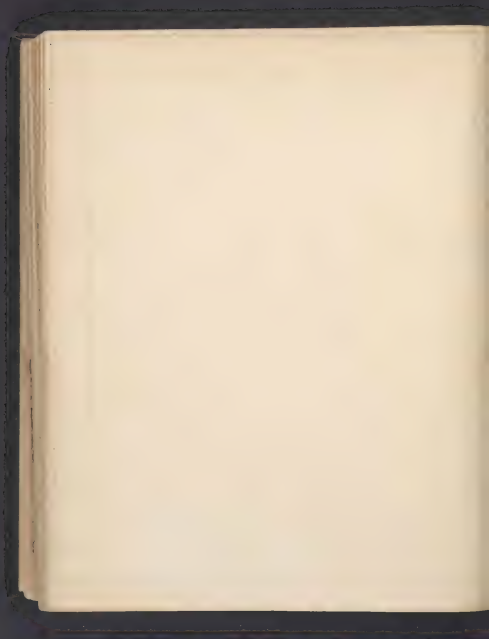




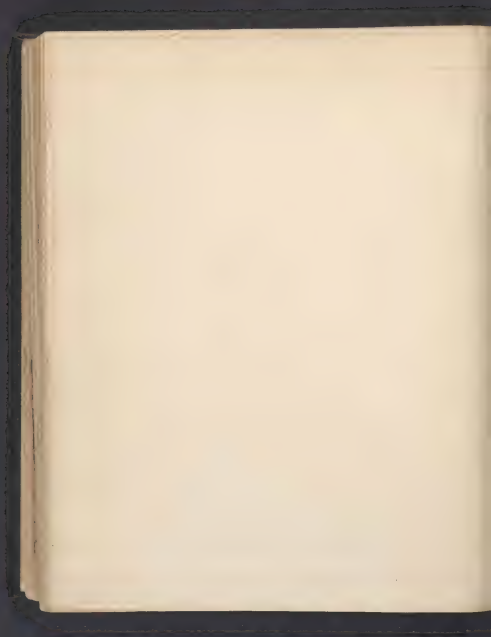




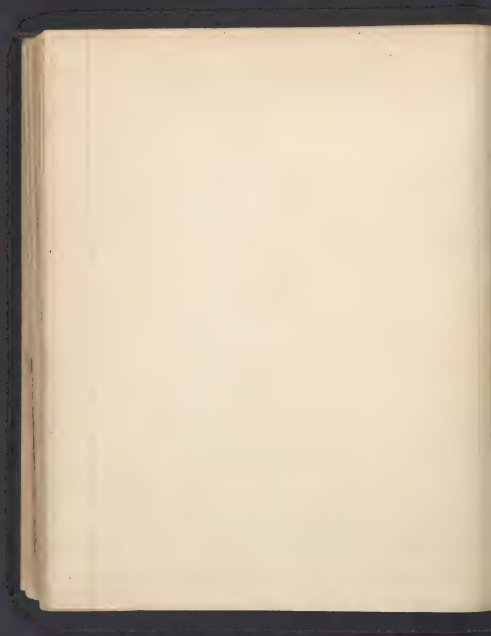




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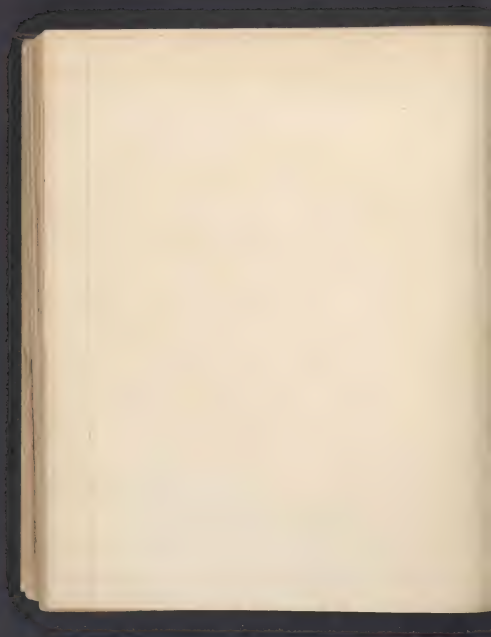




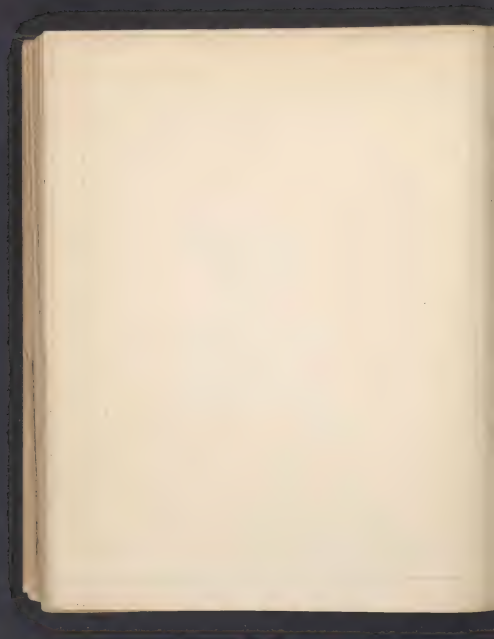




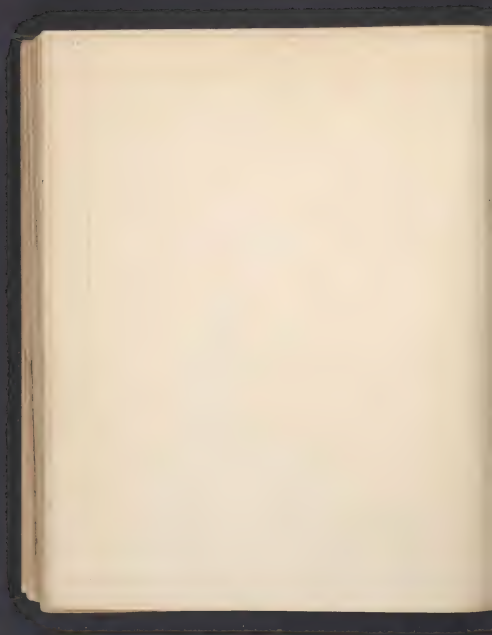




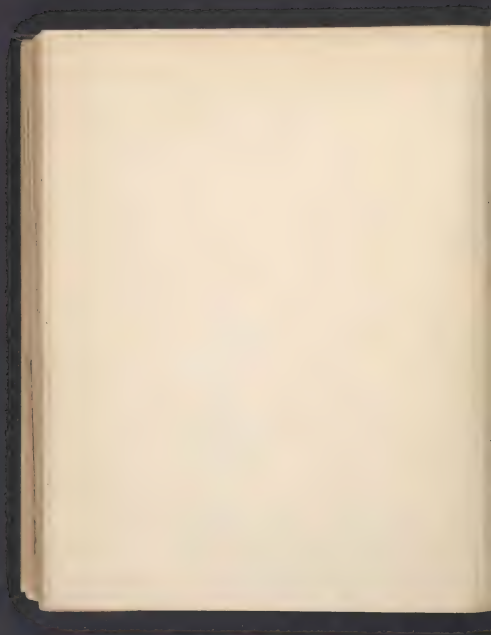






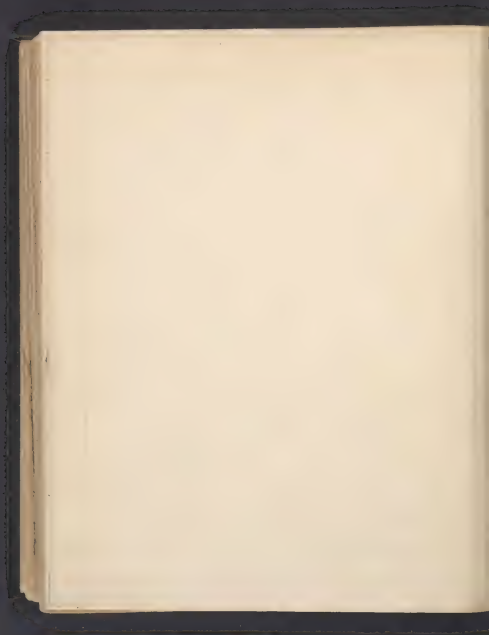




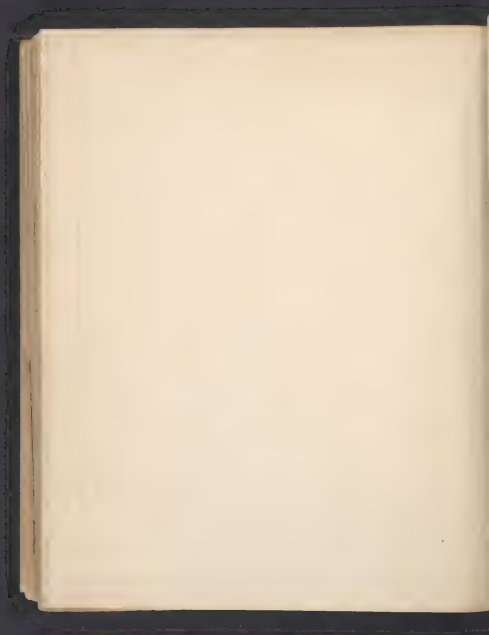




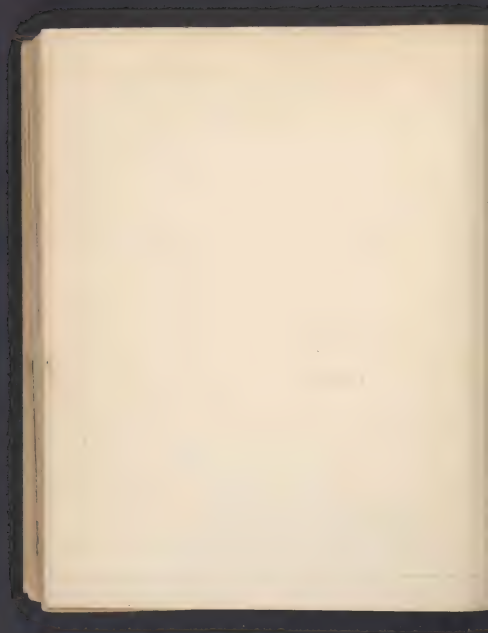




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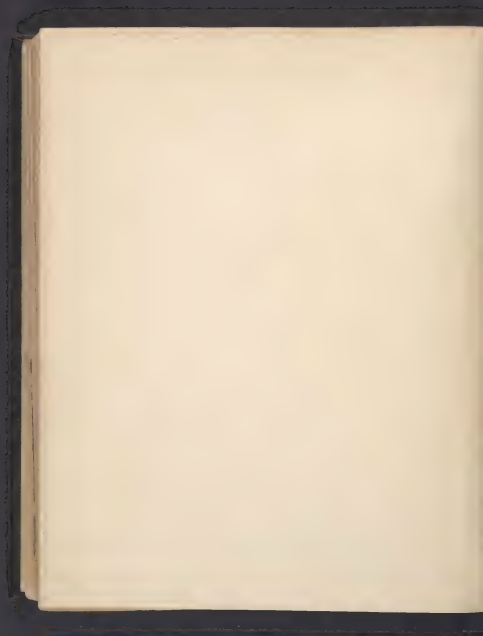


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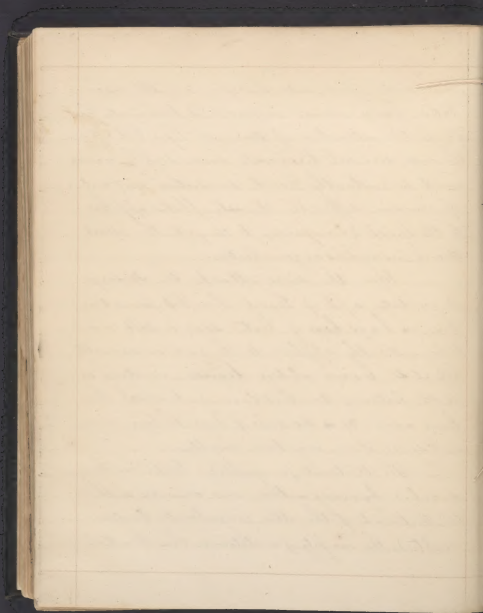




pain in the part, with stupor, and the circulation being almost suspended it terminates, usually in the extinction of animal life, but when the case does not terminate immediately, recovery must be instantly had to sensation, and antispasmodic, diffusible stimuli, blisters applied to the breast & sinapisms to the feet this attack strongly resembles angina Pectoris.

When the disease attacks the Kidneys it imitates a fit of Gravel, here hot fomentations, or bags ~~filled~~ of heated sand or salt are to be instantly applied to the part immediately affected, warm diluting liquids; injections into the Rectum of emollient mucus, to which has been added 30 or 40 drops of Lime. these may be administered very beneficially.

The treatment for misplaced Test has been described by many authors, and coincides with the treatment of the other irregularities of the Testes (see p. 42), the necessity of a relation is then directed.



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In case of irregularities I have seen two  
cases of chronic Gout treated with the mercuri-  
al salivation, one it entirely cured for the  
space of 7 years and the other it is effectually  
destroyed.

I have now concluded my observations  
on Gout: an apology might perhaps be offered for  
it, perhaps, then let any persons recollect the sub-  
ject and ask himself if Gout and beauty are  
concomitant? Through these remarks I have  
endeavoured to adhere as closely to the best of doc-  
trine of the present day, and should I in any  
case disagree, be assured it is from an entire con-  
viction of the truth of the opinion offered, and  
from no desire of advancing new ones. I am  
aware that I have not recited all the medicines  
used in Gout, because I deemed it unnecessary even if  
I were in entire possession of the whole, but I believe I  
have adhered strictly to a few the beneficial  
tendency of which cannot be doubted.

